User Manual

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This manual …

… provides you with all the information which you will require to use the Easylon® USB Socket Interface.

However, this manual will neither explain aspects of Echelon's® LONWORKS® technology, nor Echelon's Microprocessor Interface Program (MIP) used on this network interface card. The drivers of the USB Socket Interface have been developed in compliance with the driver specifications of the Echelon Corporation Details of these are as well not described in this documentation. For further information on the LONWORKS technology please refer to the extensive documentation provided by Echelon.

After a general presentation of the Easylon USB Socket Interface in Chapter 1, Chapter 2 describes the necessary steps to install the module.

Chapter 3 gives the technical specifications of the device and Chapter 4 provides some programming instruction for operation under Windows CE. Tips and tricks concerning the operation can be found in Chapter 5.

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1 Product Information

This manual describes the Easylon USB Socket Interface

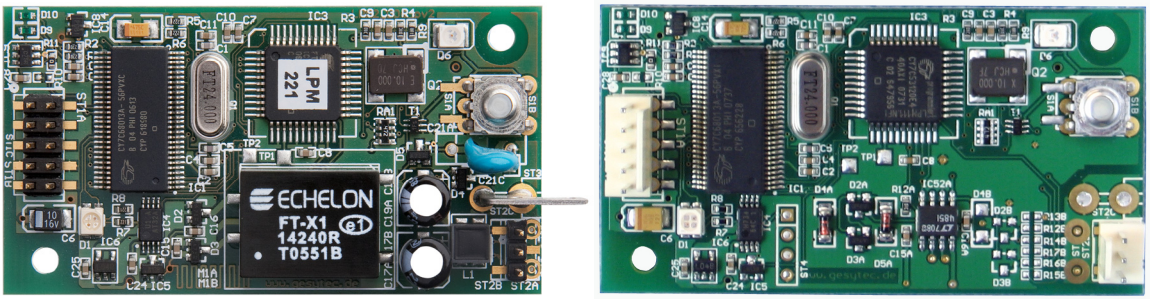


Figure 1-1 Easylon USB Socket Interface[1] FT-X1 and EIA-485

1.1 Variants

The following variants of the Easylon USB Socket Interface are described in this documentation.

Order Code	Network Interface Type	Neuron Firmware	Remark
P.P10503-2	EIA-485	MIP/P20	
P.P20503-2	EIA-485	MIP/P20	extended temperature
P.P10506-2	FTX	MIP/P20	
P.P20506-2	FTX	MIP/P20	extended temperature

Table 1-1 Variants and order-codes of Easylon USB Socket Interfaces

1.2 Scope of Delivery

- Easylon USB Socket Interface module with Echelon‘s MIP/P20 firmware
- Technical short information
- Installation and documentation CD with
  - 32 bit driver for Windows[2] 2000 / XP / Vista / 7, Server 2003 / 2008 / 2008R2

1 Modification of connectors on request

2 A Linux driver is available in source code on demand

- 64 bit driver for Windows XP / Vista/ 7, Server 2003 / 2008 / 2008R2
- Easylon RNI Software for remote LONWORKS access
- EasyCheck diagnosis utility for Easylon onterfaces
- Documentation in Adobe Acrobat .PDF format

1.3 Overview

The Easylon USB Socket Interface realizes a LON-USB connection as a plug-in module, to be integrated into OEM devices. USB connection to the CPU board is made by a 10pin connector designed according the ASUS standard. Power supply uses this connector as well.

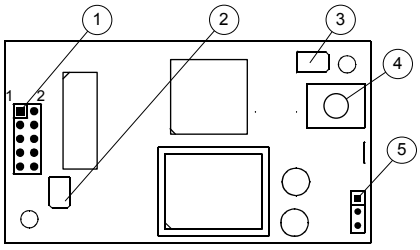
As an OEM module a certain flexibility with respect to customer specific requirements is observed, e.g. with respect to the connector types or positions. The respective module may therefore be different from the description in this documentation.

The module is available in different transceiver variants all with MIP/P20 firmware. Additionally to the FTX transceiver these are EIA-485 and Direct Connect. Furthermore there are variants for extended temperature range. Service button and ~LED are implemented. Firmware can be downloaded via USB.

Note Due to the usage of the Neuron 3120 with MIP/P20 firmware this module is not suited for LNS based applications.

The driver for the Easylon USB Socket Interface is compliant with Echelon's driver interface. Applications using the driver interface directly can use the interface without problems. The Easylon USB Socket Interface is compatible with the Easylon OPC Server and Gesytec's WLDV32.DLL.

The Easylon USB Socket Interface is a so called high speed USB device according to USB standard 2.0, however compatible with USB 1.1. The communication between the Neuron chip and USB is handled by a micro controller. The firmware for this micro controller is downloaded automatically, when the the PC is started.



(1) USB connector pin 1, 1/10 inch pitch
(2) Status/error LED (green/red)
(3) Service LED (yellow)
(4) Service pin push button
(5) LonWorks connector pin 1

Figure 1-2 Module components shown for FTX variant

Service LED

The service LED (Figure 1-2, (3)) signals the card status. The following signals are defined the service LED:

Service LED	Status	Remarks
Flash (1 Hz)	No Neuron communication	Error, perhaps EEBLANK required
Blink (1/2 Hz)	Driver installed, node is “unconfigured”[3]	Configure the node.
Permanently ON	Node is „applicationless“ and „unconfigured“.	
Permanently OFF	Installation ok or USB not connected or driver not loaded	Normal operation check USB side check Windows device manager for driver

Table 1-2 Service LED

3 device is delivered “unconfigured”

2 Installation

Please check the delivered items. You must find the Easylon USB Socket Interface and an installation CD, containing drivers and this documentation.

2.1 Hardware Installation

Please refer also to the manual describing the device into which you want to insert the Easylon USB Socket Interface. Turn off power, open the device and plug the USB module into a suitable USB socket. Please observer the following Pin assignment. Restart the PC after the module has been installed and insert the Drivers & Documentation CD in order to get the appropriate driver (cf chapter 2.2 Driver Installation).

2.1.1 Pin assignment

PIN	Description
1	+5 Volt
2	+5 Volt
3	USB -
4	-
5	USB +
6	-
7	GND
8	GND
9	-
10	-

Table 2-1 Pin assignment of 10 pin USB connector

PIN	MNEMO	Description
1	RT +	LON data +
2	GND	ground
3	RT -	LON data –

Table 2-2 Pin assignment of 3pin LON connector

Pin 1 position cf. Figure 1-2

2.2 Driver Installation

Drivers for different operating systems are available for the Easylon USB Socket Interface. Currently these are Windows 2000, XP, Vista and 7 and the Windows Server OS 2003, 2008 und 2008 R2. The drivers support both, the 32 and the 64 bit version of these operating systems. Latest driver versions you can download-via the Easylon Support pages of our web site: www.gesytec.com.
A Linux driver is available in source code on request.

Windows operating systems	section 2.2.1
Windows CE (x86)	section 0
16-Bit driver under 32-bit Windows	section 2.2.2

This section also describes in short the diagnosis utility „EasyCheck“ which can be installed separately from CD.

2.2.1 Driver for Windows Operating System (WDM Drivers)

This section describes installation and setup of the Easylon Interface card drivers for the Windows operating system from XP onwards.

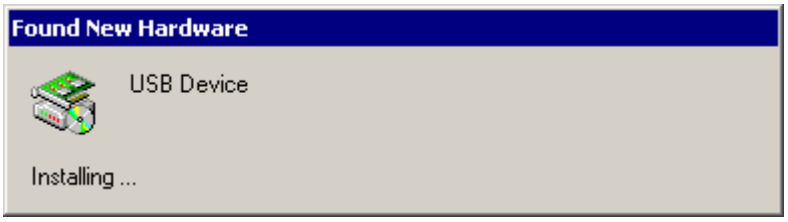
The setup program is using the same WDM driver (Windows Driver Model) for all operating systems.

Note: For installation you can either use the Windows assistant or the program - FastUpd.exe for manual installation. The latter is much more directly and especially helpful if you have to install several instances of the driver.

2.2.1.1 Installation

Insert the CD into the CD drive of your PC with the module plugged into the desired socket.

The PC will show that a new USB device has been found.



Windows will automatically start the hardware wizard

Found New Hardware Wizard
Welcome to the Found New Hardware Wizard
This wizard helps you install a device driver for a hardware device.
To continue, click Next.
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Cancel

Click the **Next>** button to start the driver installation using this assistant or Cancel and install manually (cf.chapter 2.2.1.2)

Found New Hardware Wizard
Install Hardware Device Drivers
A device driver is a software program that enables a hardware device to work with an operating system.
This wizard will complete the installation for this device:
USB Device
A device driver is a software program that makes a hardware device work. Windows needs driver files for your new device. To locate driver files and complete the installation click Next.
What do you want the wizard to do?
Search for a suitable driver for my device (recommended)
Display a list of the known drivers for this device so that I can choose a specific driver
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Cancel

The option „search for a suitable driver for my device" must be selected, as Windows does not yet know a driver for the Easylon USB Interface. Please continue by clicking the **Next>** button

Found New Hardware Wizard
Locate Driver Files
Where do you want Windows to search for driver files?
Search for driver files for the following hardware device:
USB Device
The wizard searches for suitable drivers in its driver database on your computer and in any of the following optional search locations that you specify.
To start the search, click Next. If you are searching on a floppy disk or CD-ROM drive, insert the floppy disk or CD before clicking Next.
Optional search locations:
Floppy disk drives
CD-ROM drives
Specify a location
Microsoft Windows Update
< Back
Next >
Cancel

As the driver is on a CD check the “CD-ROM drives” option. Click the **Next>** button that Windows can prepare the installation procedure.

Found New Hardware Wizard
Driver Files Search Results
The wizard has finished searching for driver files for your hardware device.
The wizard found a driver for the following device:
LONUSB Device
Windows found a driver for this device. To install the driver Windows found, click Next.
a:\lonusb\lonusb.inf
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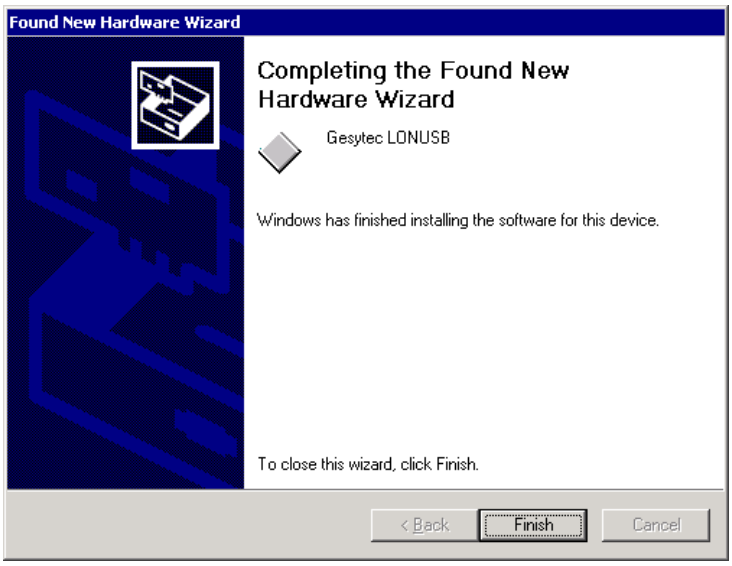
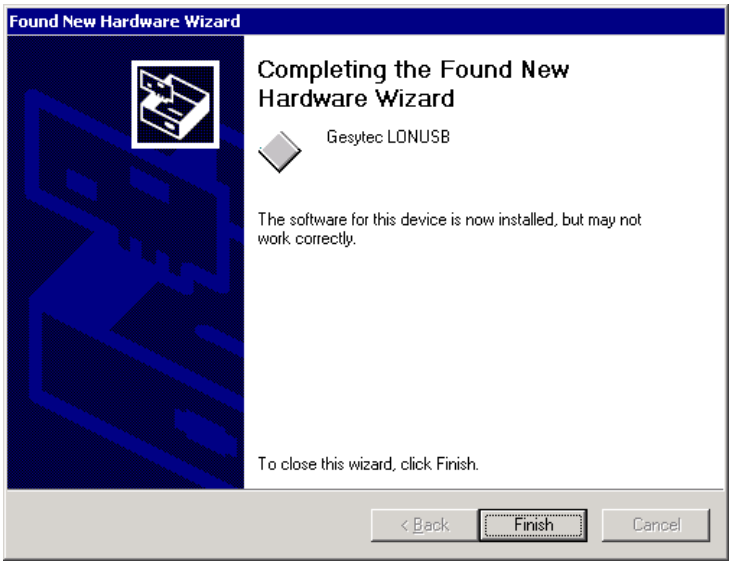
Next >
Cancel

In this dialog the hardware wizard shows the driver found on the CD. Clicking the **Next>** button finally start the driver installation



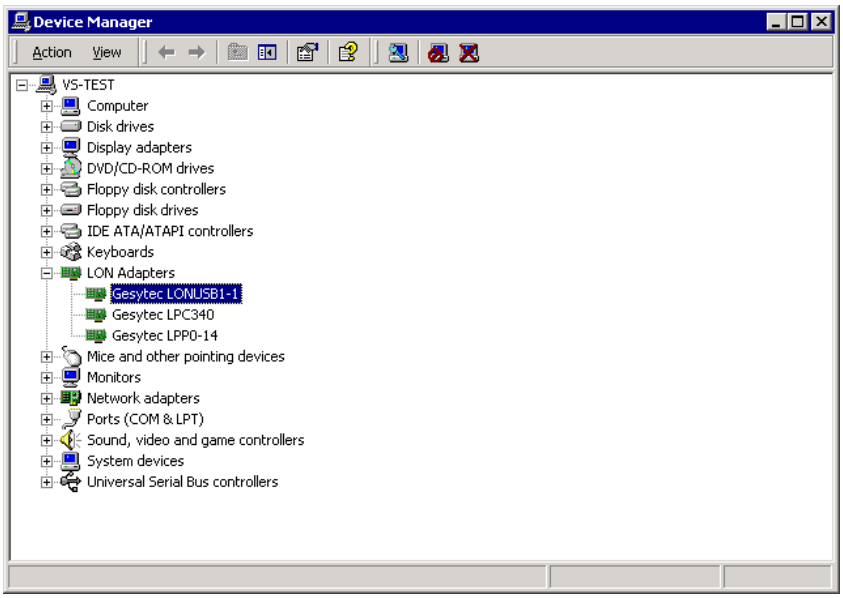
When the installation has been finished, the above message is shown. Click the **Finish>** button to terminate the installation procedure.

It is possible, that you get the following message:


Found New Hardware Wizard
Completing the Found New Hardware Wizard
Gesytec LONUSB
The software for this device is now installed, but may not work correctly.
To close this wizard, click Finish.
< Back
Finish
Cancel

This can happen due to the internal initialization of the driver during which the driver is shortly unloaded and reloaded. Normally this message does not indicate an error.

If you want to check the installation you can use the device manager. In the Universal Serial Bus Controller section you will find a „Gesytec LONUSB x-y...“ entry, with x designating the number of the USB host controller and y the port. If external hubs have been cascaded the respective port numbers are given as well.



If, after the installation the green LED does not blink an error has occurred in the Easylon USB Socket Interface installation. In that case, please disconnect the module from the PC and reconnect after a short period of non less than 10 s.

During the installation and at each Neuron reset the red LED is shortly flashing.

The device is now ready to access the LONWORKS network. The USB Interface module can be connected to the LONWORKS network either using the RJ45 jack or the 3 pin screw plug socket. Pin assignment can be taken from Figure 1.3.

2.2.1.2 Manual Installation and Update

The easiest way to install the driver is to ignore the hardware assistant and run

FastUpd.exe or **FastUpd64.exe**[4]

from the "LonUsb" folder of the CD-ROM.

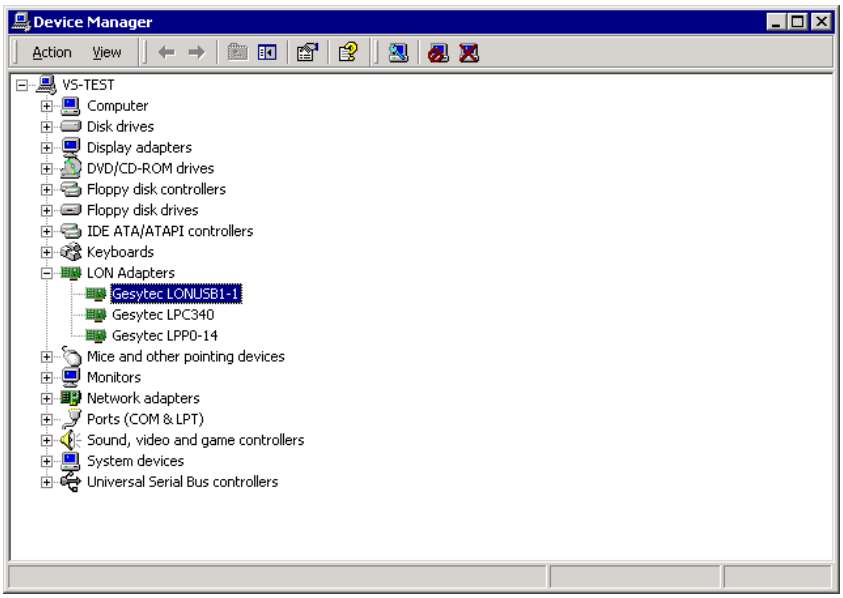
The same program you will use to update an existing driver.

A new version will be installed on the PC within a few seconds. In order to update the firmware in the device as well, you must disconnect the USB Socket Interface and reconnect it again.

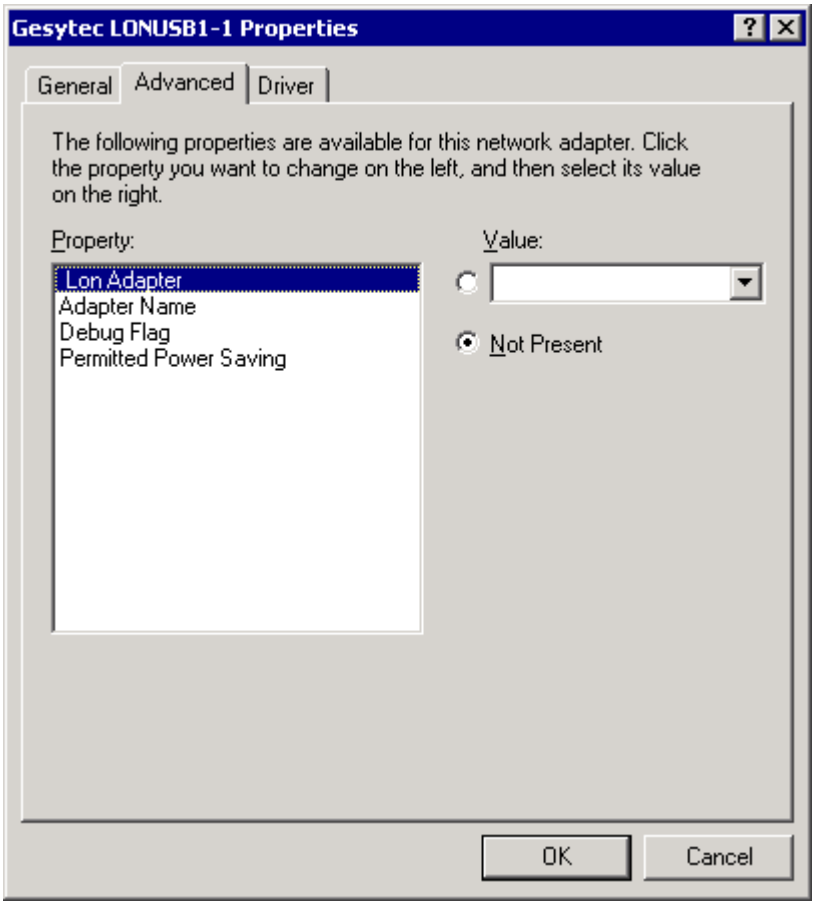
2.2.1.3 Settings

There are further settings available for the Easylon USB Socket Interface which may be helpful in certain operating conditions. They can be found in the Universal Serial Bus Controller section of the device manager. Select the properties of the desired device.

4 For 64-bit systems



The „Advanced Properties“ offer the following settings:



Lon Adapter

This will assign a name „LON1“ ... „LON9“ to the LON USB adapter, which certain application will require. Remember that the name must not be in use by any other device driver. In case of a name conflict the device can not be started. (Code 10).

Adapter Name
Alternatively an arbitrary name can be assigned to the adapter (e.g. floor 7). If both „Lon Adapter“ and „Adapter Name“ are assigned to the same device only the entry for „Lon Adapter“ will be used.

Debug Flag
The value comprises a DWORD in hexadecimal notation of different flags for debug purposes. Usually it is set to 0 (not existing). Setting the single bits will turn on special debug features. In the current driver versions bits 0, 1 and 3 are used.

Bit 0: LON telegrams at the interface from and to the application are shown in debug output.

Bit 1: LON telegrams at the interface from and to the USB bus are shown in debug output.

Bit 2: Reserved for Easylon Watcher.

Bit 3: CREATE and CLOSE) of the driver are displayed in the debug output.

Note: The debug output for instance can be displayed using the DebugView program, which is freely available at www.sysinternals.com.

Permitted Power Saving
Usually the LON USB adapter allows a standby mode with applications running (Standby). At certain conditions however, (e.g. LON USB using an external hub under Windows 2000) the current supply to the LON USB adapter will be shortly interrupted during return from the standby mode by the external hub. Under such conditions a standby mode must be turned off (None).

2.2.2 Windows and 16 Bit Applications

The Windows driver for the 32 bit Windows versions also provides a 16 bit interface. (Unfortunately Microsoft does not support this in the 64 bit versions.) To use it, the following entry has to be made in the file „config.nt“, usually found in the windows\system32 directory:

Device=%SystemRoot%\system32\ lpxdos.exe –Llonusb1-2

The 32 bit LON device used is specified by the optional –L or /L parameter:

/L*name*

name =

lpcwdm340	for device LPC with I/O port address 340
lppwdm0-14	for device LPP with PCI Bus number 0 and PCI device number 14
lonusb1-2	for device LONUSB at USB host controller 1 and with port number 2 at USB root. If several hubs have been cascaded the respective port numbers have to be provided as well.
lvxwdm5-0-Mip0	for device LVX wth PCIe-bus number 5, PCI device number 0 and instance 0
lvuwdm1-2-Mip0	for device LVU at USB host controller 1 and with port number 2 at USB root hub
lvpwdm0-14-Mip0	for device LVP with PCI-Bus number 0, PCI device number 14 and Instance 0
lpcdrv	for device EasyLPC number 1
lpp1	for device EasyLPP number 1

Note: Two subsequent “l” characters have to be entered, one indicating the parameter -L, the second as first character of the name: –Llxxxx

The 16 bit LON device used is specified by the following optional parameter:

/D*n*

with *n* = 1...9 for LON1 to LON9

Without this parameter, the interface will be assigned the first unused name starting with “LON1”.

2.2.3 EasyCheck – Quick Interface Diagnosis

In addition to the drivers, the test utility “EasyCheck” can be installed in the respective program directory (default: : \Easylon\Lpx). The program checks interface and software environment and displays information, from which can be concluded on the reasons for problems in connection with the interface.

The program “EasyCheck” runs an analysis of the system’s software. It will open the selected interface, check the driver version and display it. By sending a “query status” command the communication with the hardware is tested. Using the “read memory” command the utility will show if the device is running MIP or NSI firmware. Properly installed Easylon Interfaces will send a corresponding answer.

2.2.4 Windows CE Driver

The Windows CE driver has been designed for x86 processors. It is available for other processors on request. There are version for Windows CE 3.0 and 4.2, with the latter running under 5.0 as well. It can be installed in two ways:

1. CE devices with static RAM:
   Copy the LonUsb.dll into the \Windows directory and adjust registry.

2. Integration into Windows CE Image:
   Create a new image with the driver included in your LonUsb.bib file.
   This is for advanced users only, who want to create a custom kernel!

The required files can be found on the Driver & Documentation CD under Windows CE/3.0/LonUsb and the respective directory for 4.2.

2.2.4.1 Copy .dll to Windows Directory

- Copy the device driver file **lonusb.dll** to the \Windows directory of your hardware system.

- Modify Windows CE registry by means of an registry editor adding the following lines:

```
; LONUSB - Driver
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Drivers\USB\LoadClients\3596\Default
\Default\LonUsb]
    "DLL"="lonusb.dll"
    "Prefix"="LON"
    "DebugFlag"=dword:0
    "ReadTimeout"=dword:FFFFFFFF
```

These lines are provided in the file LonUsb.reg.

2.2.4.2 Integration into Windows CE Image

This section describes the integration of the Windows CE 3.0 driver for the Easylon USB Socket Interface in a Windows CE 3.0 system. This procedure requires the Windows CE Platform Builder.

Please check for the following requirements to ensure that USB is supported:

1. The appropriate host controller drivers (UHCI or OHCI) for the specific USB host controller of your hardware system must be included in your Windows CE Platform Builder settings. If you don't have such drivers, please contact your system supplier.

2. The USBD module has to be included in your Windows CE Platform Builder settings.

Before using the Easylon USB Socket Interface you can check if the USB functionality of your hardware is given at all. For example you can test by connecting an USB mouse to your Windows CE system.

Add Easylon USB device driver to Windows CE image

- Copy the device driver file **lonusb.dll** to the directory WINCEROOT\PLATFORM\CEPC\FILES.
- Copy the component file **Easylon.cec** to directory .\WINDOWS CE PLATFORM BUILDER\3.00\CEPB\CEC.
- Start the Windows CE 3.0 Platform Builder and load the desired Platform Workspace.
- Open the "File" menu and go to "Manage Platform Builder Components".
- Import the component file **Easylon.cec** by clicking on "Import New".
- Manually add Windows CE Registry Information as described below.
- Manually modify the file platform.bib as described below.
- Open the "Platform" menu, and under "Insert" select "User Component". Add the **lonusb.dll** you previously copied to WINCEROOT\PLATFORM\CEPC\FILES
- Open the "View" menu and go to "Catalog". The "Catalog View" should open.
- In Catalog open the Tree View Catalog/Drivers/CEPC/Easylon.
- Add the LonUsb component to your current Platform.

Modify Windows CE registry

To load all necessary drivers when an Easylon USB Socket Interface is connected to the hardware system the following entries must be contained in the file platform.reg.

```
; LONUSB - Driver
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Drivers\USB\LoadClients\3596\Default\Default\LonUsb]
    "DLL"="lonusb.dll"
    "Prefix"="LON"
    "DebugFlag"=dword:0
    "ReadTimeout"=dword:FFFFFFFF
```

These lines are provided in the file LonUsb.reg. Details on the registry entries are provided in “Programming Instructions”.

Modify the Binary Image Builder file platform.bib

Add the content of the sample file LonUsb.bib to file platform.bib.

Finish the installation procedure

Build your platform and download the image to your target hardware.

The Windows CE device driver for the Easylon USB Socket Interface is automatically loaded by the USBD module after plugging in the device and should be available to your applications.

3 Technical Specifications

CPU	Neuron 3120E4, 10 MHz – 40 MHz
Memory	2 Kbytes RAM
USB Interface	
Type	USB slave interface accord. to high speed USB standard 2.0 (1.1 compatible), not optically isolated
Connector	10 pin 2 row edge connector
LONWORKS Interface	
Transceiver	FTX, EIA-485, Direct Connect
Connector	3 pin edge connector
Power Supply	
Power Supply	5 V DC +- 5%, externally via USB connector
Power Consumption	< 100 mA max.
Operating Conditions	
Temperature	
Operation	0 ºC – +50 ºC
extended range	-40 ºC – +85 ºC
Storage	-20 ºC – + 70 ºC
extended range	-40 ºC – +85 ºC
Humidity	90%, no condensation
Display and Operation	Neuron service push button Neuron service LED (yellow) Status /error LED (green/red)
Dimensions	
Board	69.34 x 36.98 [mm]

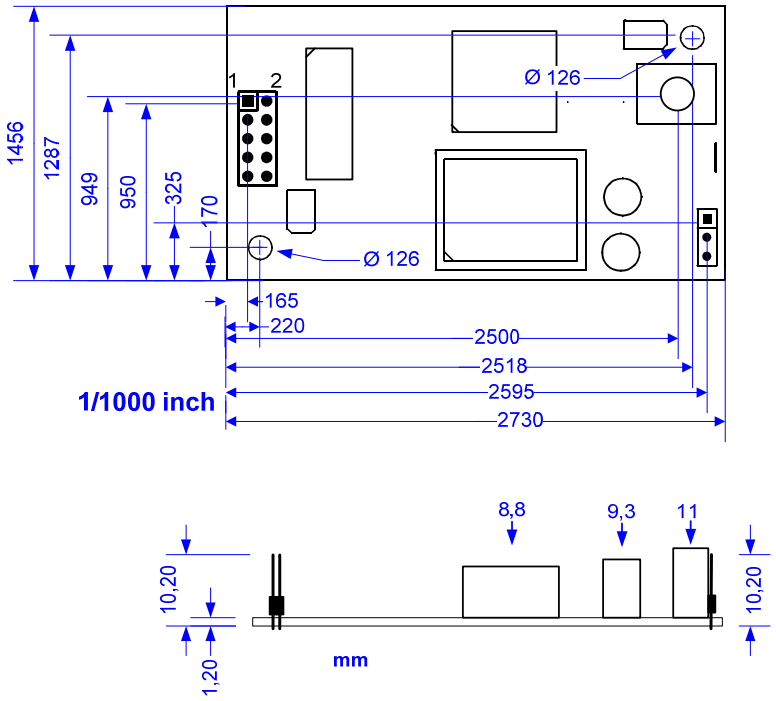


Figure 3-1 Dimensions FTX version

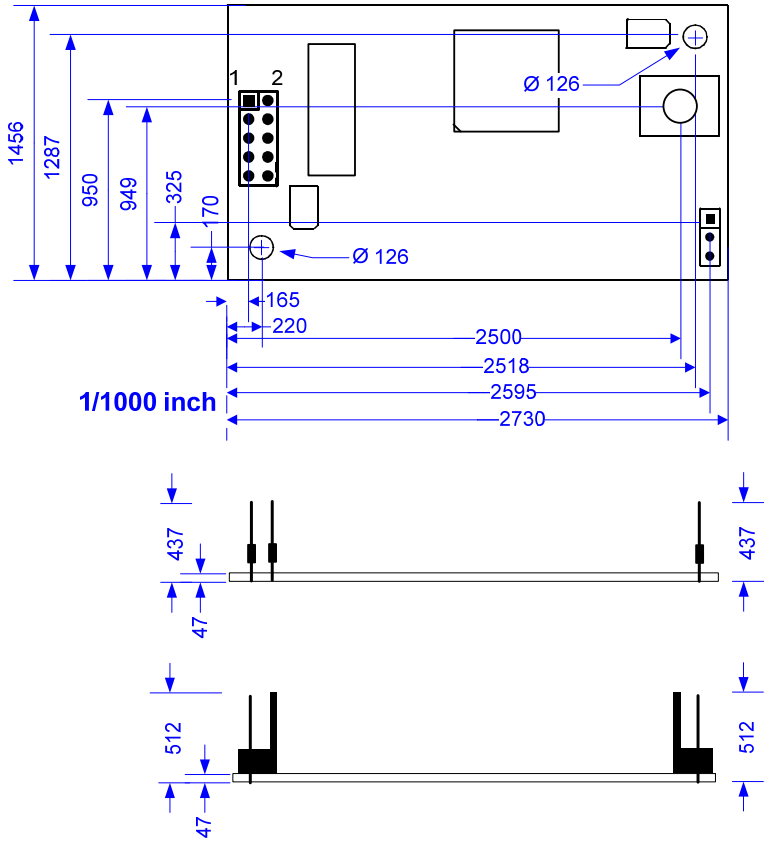


Figure 3-2 Dimensions EIA-485 version

4 Programming Instructions

4.1 Windows CE Application Interface

Note: Some of the functions described below are marked “obsolete”. These functions and control codes are referenced her only for compatibility with older versions of LPCDRV/LG2DRV and should not used for development of new software.

4.1.1 CreateFile

Opens a LON device.

Syntax:

```
ni_handle = CreateFile(szDevName,
GENERIC_READ|GENERIC_WRITE, 0, NULL, OPEN_EXISTING, 0,
NULL);
```

Parameter	Type	Description
SzDevName	TCHAR*	Device name, e.g. TEXT("LON1:")
Return value	Type	Description
ni_handle	HANDLE	file handle of the LON device or `INVALID_HANDLE_VALUE`

4.1.2 CloseHandle

Closes a LON device.

Syntax:

```
CloseHandle(ni_handle);
```

Parameter	Type	Description
ni_handle	HANDLE	file handle of the LON device that should be closed

4.1.3 ReadFile

This synchronous function reads a telegram according to the application layer format. Synchronous means the function returns only if the NEURON received the telegram or the handle is closed.

The timeout of this blocking call can be changed via registry or via DeviceIo-Control. A timeout value of 0 means, that this function returns immediately, if no data are available.

Syntax:

```
ReadFile(ni_handle, pMsg, len, &rLen, NULL);
```

Parameter	Type	Description
ni_handle	HANDLE	file handle of the LON device
pMsg	void*	pointer to an „explicit message buffer“
len	DWORD	length of the buffer [bytes]
rlen	DWORD	length of the received telegram [bytes]

4.1.4 WriteFile

Writes a telegram according to the application layer format. This function returns immediately.

Syntax:

```
WriteFile(ni_handle, pMsg, len, &rLen, NULL);
```

Parameter	Type	Description
ni_handle	HANDLE	file handle of the LON device
pMsg	void*	pointer to an „explicit message buffer“
len	DWORD	length of the buffer [bytes]
rlen	DWORD	length of the telegram to be send [bytes]

Note: The telegram according to the application layer format contains a length information of the buffer itself. That is why we ignore the parameter len in the use of function ReadFile()and WriteFile(). Note: Use the maximum length (256 bytes) of the buffer while reading a telegram.

4.1.5 GetVersion

Returns the version number of the driver as Unicode string, e.g. `TEXT("Easylon LonUsb Version 1.00 for WinCE from 11/05/2002").`

Syntax:

```
#define IOCTL_LPCDRV_GET_VERSION \
     CTL_CODE( FILE_DEVICE_LPCDRV, 0x900, \
     METHOD_BUFFERED, FILE_READ_ACCESS )

#define IOCTL_GETVERSION 0x43504C01          //obsolete
result = DeviceIoControl(ni_handle,
IOCTL_LPCDRV_GET_VERSION,
     NULL, 0,  szVersion, sizeof(szVersion),
     BytesReturned, NULL);
```

Parameter	Type	Description
ni_handle	HANDLE	file handle of the LON device
szVersion	TCHAR*	Buffer for version string
BytesReturned	DWORD	length of the string [bytes] = (number of characters + 1) * 2
Return value	Type	Description

Result	BOOL	FALSE if buffer is too small, else TRUE

4.1.6 ReadFile with Timeout

Reads a telegram according to the application layer format. The `Timeout` parameter determines the functions behavior while the receive buffer is empty:

Timeout = 0:	function returns immediately
Timeout = n:	function waits n milliseconds to receive a telegram.
Timeout = INFINITE:	function works as synchronous function, see also function ReadFile.

Syntax:

```
#define IOCTL_LPCDRV_READ_WAIT \
     CTL_CODE( FILE_DEVICE_LPCDRV, 0x908, \
     METHOD_BUFFERED, (FILE_READ_DATA | FILE_WRITE_DATA) )
result = DeviceIoControl(ni_handle, IOCTL_LPCDRV_READ_WAIT,
     &timeout, 4, pMsg, len,
     &rLen, NULL);

#define IOCTL_READ0x43504C02                    // obsolete
result = DeviceIoControl(ni_handle, IOCTL_READ,
     pMsg, len, &timeout, 4,
     &rLen, NULL);
```

Note: Using IOCTL_READ the Parameters lpInBuffer and lpOutBuffer as well as nInBufferSize and nOutBufferSize are permuted as defined in the API Reference of DeviceIoControl.

Parameter	Type	Description
ni_handle	HANDLE	file handle of the LON device
timeout	DWORD	Timeout [Milliseconds]
pMsg	void*	pointer to an „explicit message buffer“
len	DWORD	length of the buffers [bytes]
Return value	**Type**	**Description**
Result	BOOL	TRUE, if telegram was received FALSE at timeout

4.1.7 Set Timeout for ReadFile

Reads a telegram according to the application layer format. The `Timeout` parameter determines the functions behavior while the receive buffer is empty:

Timeout = 0:	function returns immediately
Timeout = n:	function waits n milliseconds to receive a telegram.
Timeout = INFINITE:	function works as synchronous function, see also function ReadFile.

Syntax:

```
#define IOCTL_LPCDRV_SET_READ_TIMEOUT \
     CTL_CODE( FILE_DEVICE_LPCDRV, 0x909, \
     METHOD_BUFFERED, FILE_WRITE_DATA)
result = DeviceIoControl(ni_handle, IOCTL_LPCDRV_READ_WAIT,
     &timeout, 4, NULL, 0,
     &rLen, NULL);
```

Parameter	Type	Description
ni_handle	HANDLE	file handle of the LON device
timeout	DWORD	Timeout [Milliseconds]
Return value	Type	Description
Result	BOOL	TRUE, if timeout was stored, FALSE if an error has occured

Note: Undefined IOCTL-Codes will return FALSE and set LastError to ERROR_NOT_SUPPORTED.

4.1.8 Registry entries for Easylon USB Interface

```
; LONUSB - Driver
[HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Drivers\USB\LoadClients\3596\Default\De
fault\LonUsb]
    "DLL"="lonusb.dll"
    "Prefix"="LON"
    "DebugFlag"=dword:0
    "ReadTimeout"=dword:FFFFFFFF
```

DebugFlag

The value comprises a DWORD in hexadecimal notation of different flags for debug purposes. Usually it is set to 0 (not existing). Setting the single bits will turn on special debug features. In the current driver versions bits 0 and 1 are used.

Bit 0: LON telegrams at the interface from and to the application are shown in debug output.

Bit 1: LON telegrams at the interface from and to the USB bus are shown in debug output.

ReadTimeout

The value (in milliseconds) comprises a DWORD in hexadecimal notation to affect the behavior of ReadFile().

A value of INFINITE (= 0xffffffff) makes ReadFile() a blocking call. This is the default behavior, if no parameter is given (like lpcdrv, lg2drv).

A timeout value of 0 means, that this function returns immediately, if no data are available.

5 Tips and Tricks

5.1 Hot Plugging

The Easylon USB Socket Interface may be connected and disconnected, when the PC is already running. Windows recognizes plugging the device in and starts the driver automatically. You should not remove the device, when an application is using it.

5.2 Using an USB Hub

Of course the Easylon USB Socket Interface can be used with an USB hub. If there are a couple of USB devices active, the communication between PC and Easylon USB Socket Interface may be slowed down.

5.3 Standby Mode of PC

A PC with connected Easylon USB Socket Interface may be set to standby mode, because the device will be powered during standby. However, if the device is used with an external USB hub under Windows 2000, it was observed that, at re-turning from the standby mode, some hubs shortly interrupt of the power supply to the Easylon USB Interface. This USB hub behavior will reinitialize the device and active applications, using the Easylon USB Socket Interface before entering standby mode, are not able to communicate with device any longer.

In such configurations please refer to section Settings and set “Permitted Power Saving “ to “None” to disable the standby mode. The LON USB driver will then inhibit the standby mode with applications running.

5.4 Hibernation Mode of PC

The Easylon USB Socket Interface does not support the hibernation mode. When the PC enters hibernation mode, the USB will not be powered any longer. As this would lead to a loss of the Neuron Chip settings the LON USB driver will inhibit Windows from turning into the hibernation mode with applications running.

5.5 Registry Key

The driver of the Easylon USB Socket Interface makes an entry in the registry database for each found device, according to Echelon's guidelines. You will find this entry at:

\\HKEY_LOCAL_MACHINE\Software\LonWorks\DeviceDrivers.

For each Easylon USB Socket Interface you will find a key with the device name (Gesytec LONUSBx-y...) and a character value with the driver name.

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